

NMTS Policy

Topic: NMTS Awards

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Purpose of NMTS Awards:

Awards given by the New Mexico Touring Society (NMTS) are intended to recognize outstanding contributions and achievements made by individual club members and to add to the legacy and sense of accomplishment of the club.

Policy:

- Sanction & Responsibilities
 - Awards sanctioned by NMTS will be granted by the NMTS Board of Directors.
 - A standing committee, designated as the Awards Committee, shall be appointed each year by the President of the Board to gather and screen nominations for sanctioned awards. The Committee's general operating procedure will be to solicit award nominations from the entire membership, convene as a committee to select finalists, and make recommendations to the Board. Suggestions from the membership for new awards or recognition can be made at any time. The Awards Committee is granted the authority by the Board to determine award recipients subject to the following criteria:
 - The Award Committee's responsibilities will include, but not be limited to:
 1. Determine the winners for the recurring NMTS club achievement awards for the calendar year:
 - Most Club Miles – Male
 - Most Club Miles – Female
 - Most Club Rides – Male
 - Most Club Rides – Female
 - Most Miles – Male
 - Most Miles – Female
 - Most Commuting Miles – Male
 - Most Commuting Miles – Female
 - Working Stiff (Most miles ridden by a full time employed member)
 - Young Rider (Most club miles ridden by a member under 40 years old)
 - New Member (Most club miles ridden by a new member in their first full year)
 - Club Mileage Patches
 2. Provide winner determinations through club membership polling for the recurring awards for outstanding volunteer contributions during the calendar year:
 - Ride Leader of the Year
 - Volunteer of the Year
 - Tour Leader of the Year
 - Lifetime Service Award

3. Consider whether any additional one-time or special recognition awards are appropriate for the year, and provide winner determinations for the award itself and the award winner. This could include both serious and humorous awards, such as most improved rider, rider with the most flats, etc.
 4. Publish an end-of-the-year compilation of all significant volunteer contributions in *The Freewheel*.
 5. Organize and host an all-members recognition banquet in February of each year to recognize and present NMTS awards for outstanding achievements and contributions of individual members from the preceding calendar year. Awards listed above will be presented at the NMTS awards banquet.
 6. Receive recommendations from the membership for any other special awards for contributions by members or outside organizations.
 7. Submit the finalized list of award winners and, as appropriate, the award itself, to the NMTS Board of Directors for review if requested by the Board.
 8. Submit final itemized Budget vs Expense report to the NMTS Board of Directors for review and recordation at the Board Meeting following the Awards Banquet.
- The NMTS Board of Directors may on occasion deem it desirable to grant a special recognition award, e.g., Lifetime Achievement Award. It may wish to use the Awards Committee to solicit names, but need not seek its input.
- Awards Process and Criteria
 - Individual achievement awards: NMTS formally recognizes any member who has achieved 1,000 club miles or greater during a calendar year. This recognition is based on the club mileage information maintained by the NMTS Mileage Chairman.
 - The recurring club achievement awards will be awarded based on quantitative information maintained by the NMTS Mileage Chairman. The Awards Committee will obtain this information from the Mileage Chairman shortly after the end of the calendar year, when the calendar year statistics have been finalized.
 - The recurring outstanding volunteer contribution awards, “Ride Leader of the Year”, “Volunteer of the Year”, and “Tour Leader of the Year”, will be awarded based on a combination of quantitative data and qualitative judgment. The Awards Committee has discretion to discuss and decide on the exact criteria and criteria weighting to be applied for each award. For example, “Ride Leader of the Year” could be chosen for: number of rides led, type of ride (weekly, multi-day, unique), how helpful he/she was to the ride participants, effort involved (new ride, meal organized), etc. However, for volunteer contribution awards, an individual club member cannot receive the same award two years in a row.
 - One-time or special recognition awards: The Awards Committee can consider the option for one-time awards, to recognize any significant NMTS event, contribution, or achievement not covered by the recurring awards. These awards can be for anything deemed deserving of recognition, with possible award ideas that will add some fun and humor to the awards ceremony (like an award for “Most Flats”).

- Awards
 - For individual achievement, the award is a NMTS logo patch and a club mileage patch for the year concerned. A NMTS logo patch is awarded once to a member, on the first occasion when he/she earns a club mileage patch. Club mileage patches are awarded in increments of 500 miles – for example, a member achieving 1,738 club miles during a year will be awarded a 1,500 mile club mileage patch for that year. The NMTS Mileage Chairman is responsible, based on finalized mileage statistics for the year, for obtaining the correct number of logo and mileage patches and to present them at the NMTS awards banquet in February of each year for those members who have opted to receive a patch.
 - Given the large number of members who will be recognized for mileage patch achievement the Mileage Chairman will prepare a full listing of all recipients that attendees of the Awards Banquet can view. All those who rode more than 4,000 club miles will be individually recognized.
 - For the recurring awards, the award is a rotating NMTS plaque for that award, with the member's name attached, as well as a smaller token of recognition for the individual to keep. The exact nature of this token of recognition will be determined by the Awards Committee.
 - For the one-time or special recognition awards, the award itself can be anything considered appropriate by the Awards Committee, with a printed certificate being the usually used mechanism of recognition.
 - Volunteers who contribute to the routine operation of the Club, such as being ride leaders, providing meeting refreshments, giving meeting presentations, providing ride SAG support, etc., will be awarded a pair of NMTS socks by the President during the year, with the provision that only one pair of NMTS socks can be awarded to an individual in a calendar year. These socks will be for this exclusive use and will not be sold or be otherwise available to the membership. This is intended both as recognition and incentive for others to volunteer.